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## U.S.-SOVIET OVERTURES BRING NEW HOPE TO THE WORLD

Not As Per Schedule

### Police Grill Marketeers

Shanghai, May 12.—Five men, suspected of having conducted illegal transactions in Hongkong dollars, were transferred to the District Procurator yesterday after police grilling, it was learned.

They will be formally charged in court shortly.

Meanwhile, the China Press reports that C. Wang, Manager of the An Wan Company, one of the 20 organisations raided by detachments of the Economic Police last Friday, is still being detained by police authorities.

Wang's company is said to have maintained an extensive network allegedly dealing in unlawful money remittances. It is further alleged that the headquarters of the organisation is located in Hongkong, with branches extending to New York, London, Manila, Swatow and Canton.—Reuter.

### Kidnap Chase In Austria

Vienna, May 11.—Soviet troops fired into the United States zone of Austria during a kidnap chase of two Austrian civilians, the American authorities disclosed today.

Military sources in Linz said the shooting took place when an Austrian policeman, Ferdinand Neubauer, 27, and his wife were abducted near the United States Danube River outpost at Wegenau, 30 miles north-west of Linz.

The sources who said their account of the incident was accurate but declined to label it official, emphasised: "The Soviets did not fire at the American guard nor at the American guard post. It is thought they fired only to frighten the Austrians."

The authorities said that last Friday at noon the American guard saw two Austrians rowing across the river pursued by Soviet marines in another boat. As the Neubauers neared the American shore the Russians returned to their side of the river and began firing at the Austrians with rifles.

The Neubauers landed, showed their identity cards to the guard and asked for assistance. They were directed to the Austrian police station at Wegenau.

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### UNITED STATES MAKES DETAILED REPLY TO MOLOTOV'S STATEMENT

London, May 14.—The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, today received the American and French Ambassadors in London, Mr Lewis H. Douglas, and M. René Massigli, for urgent discussion of M. Molotov's "Yes" to Soviet-United States negotiations for a settlement of differences. World relief and renewed hope contrasted with official caution and reserve in London and Washington, Reuter despatches disclosed.

General Walter Bedell Smith, the American Ambassador to Moscow, who made the approach to the Kremlin, said in Berlin that the Russians had violated confidence by releasing the story. He had left Moscow this morning on "a fishing holiday."

A Foreign Office official made it clear that Britain was not informed of the American move and had not expect

Swiss Radio, typical of general world opinion, called the Moscow disclosure "great news."

Repercussions from various centres included:

London: While high-level discussions went on, the Foreign Office declined to comment before seeing the full text of the American note to the Molotov note.

Diplomatic quarters saw two reasons for the official reserve:

1.—Anxiety lest the Soviet-American talks should delay decisions on the future of Germany, and lest American might be at a tactical disadvantage in the discussions with Russia because of United States-European commitments.

2.—The projected talks would be the first meeting of world importance without Britain.

#### CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM

Washington: Diplomatic circles, cautiously optimistic, gave no hint when or where a meeting might take place. It was assumed the action of the Moscow Ambassador was ordered by Mr George Marshall, as Secretary of State, with President Truman's blessing.

The State Department issued the full text of General Bedell Smith's statement. New York Radio broadcast the text of both the American

and Soviet notes in its European transmission.

Moscow: It was understood here that General Bedell Smith would not return to Washington to report. He left here on his way to France for a holiday arranged before the Molotov note.

All today's Soviet newspapers published the full Tass, the official news agency, report of the exchange of notes, first disclosed by Moscow Radio last night.

The Hague: Dutch observers thought M. Molotov would bargain for America to cease setting up Western military and naval bases, abandon its sponsorship of the Western Union, and reverse some trends of the European aid programme, while the United States would want a reduction of some Cominform activities.

Some quarters feared the talks might mean a diminished American interest in European recovery.

#### SWEDES SCPTICAL

Stockholm: The Swedish press today welcomed Russia's acceptance of the American proposals but was sceptical of the outcome.

Paris: The independent Right-wing France Soir, described the news as "the most sensational event since the end of the war", and said nobody would greet it with more profound joy than the French.

The independent L'Intransigeant said: "Let us not ask too much. Let us be content with an easing of the situation—that, in itself, is enough for the world".

There was a sharp drop in gold prices on the French Stock Exchange and the black market rate for the dollar as a result of the news.

Berlin: An official of the Western-licensed Christian Democratic Union described the Molotov "yes" to America as "a sign of weakness."

Vorwärts, the newspaper of the Soviet-sponsored Socialist Unity Party, called it "an alleviation of the world situation" and a spokesman of the party told Reuter: "We welcome every step that is likely to lead to an understanding between the big powers."

The Soviet-licensed Nacht Express said the American move meant that the United States "is fed up with the cold war."

"The Soviet Union is unmistakably in favour of a realisation of the United Nations programme. It is also possible that some sort of concession could be made without endangering our commercial and economic equilibrium. But any such agreement must carry with it our quo conditions. The public would resent another one-sided pact where Hongkong concedes everything and receives nothing in return. If China desires us to impose restrictions on Chinese currency within Hongkong, we then have a right to expect some relaxing of the import restrictions imposed by China on our traders. In half a dozen ways Hongkong has shown it is prepared to render practical assistance to China, but it cannot be expected indefinitely to make all the concessions without reciprocity."

GENERALITIES BARRED

Washington, May 11.—The views expressed by M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in reply to General Bedell Smith, the American Ambassador in Moscow, did not provide sufficient evidence of willingness for reasonable and specific negotiations to justify the United States agreeing at present to a meeting to resolve differences, official American sources said today.

They insisted that additional overtures from Russia would be necessary if the hopes for such a meeting were to be fulfilled.

The sources, which spoke with authority on United States policy, declared: "General Bedell Smith made it clear to the Russians that we are available at any time. On the other hand, we are not prepared to meet with the Russians on a basis of glittering generalities.

"If the Russians have anything specific to propose, any constructive suggestions, there will be dis-

cussions. And we hope to God there will."

This official view was disclosed while the State Department—for "on the record" purposes—enforces a strict "No Comment" rule on the Soviet Foreign Minister's suggestion for "a discussion and settlement of differences existing between us."

To all questions on this point, State Department spokesmen referred correspondents to President Truman's statement, and added: "We are not prepared to add to this."

#### REPLY TO MOLOTOV

Washington, May 11.—The United States today issued a point by point reply to M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister's statement suggesting a meeting between the Russian and United States Governments.

The United States said it did not want to indulge in a contest of words which might be interpreted as "hot pot calling the kettle black."

The reply was in the form of additional comments made by General Walter Bedell Smith, the United States Ambassador to the Soviet Union, to M. Molotov on May 9 from the Soviet Foreign Minister had replied to the American note.

In issuing details of General Bedell Smith's remarks, the State Department refrained from making any comment on the Russian proposal for a resumption of discussions between the two countries.

M. Molotov's note had yet to be fully received by the State Department. Before any specific commitments are adopted or any binding comment made, the indications are that consultations will be held between the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, and President Truman and the Cabinet.

General Bedell Smith, referring to M. Molotov's remarks on the development of United States bases, policy of encirclement and warlike threats," said: "I can only say that our entire history is a refutation of any suspicion of a policy which involved aggressive war."

#### HONESTY OF PURPOSE

The drawing together of the Western European countries, the American Ambassador said in his report to the State Department, which paraphrased his comments to M. Molotov, "and the support which was being given to them by the United States, was a direct reflection of the apprehensions and fears which had been aroused by the expansionist policy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics".

In his report on his conversation with M. Molotov, General Bedell Smith continued: "I said the United States was secure in its honesty of purpose with regard to the European recovery programme.

"Our people were completely unable to understand the implications placed on that programme by the Soviet Union.

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Only a "Drip" will allow a tap to drip these days

Save All The Water You Can



When Venerable Lokanatha, Buddhist missionary priest from Burma, arrived at a lecture club in Los Angeles he was supposed to walk across a carpet of human hair provided by a dozen women because "Venerable is not permitted to walk on ordinary pavement," according to his spokesman. But, permitted or not, Venerable is walking on ordinary pavement here because only one of the women had hair long enough to spread before him.—AP Wirephoto.

## Jerusalem To Be Made Open City

London, May 11.—Jerusalem will be declared an open city tomorrow or Thursday, barring unforeseen circumstances, the International Red Cross announced in Geneva tonight.

The entire city will become a security zone for the protection of non-combatant civilians under the scheme to which Britain, the United Nations Commission in Jerusalem, and the political and military organisations of the Jews and Arabs have given favourable consideration, according to the Red Cross announcement.

The plan is based on these main conditions:

1.—All troops to withdraw from the city.

2.—Food to go to the population by motor convoys which shall be allowed through the fighting lines.

3.—The International Committee of the Red Cross delegation to be entrusted with the control of the protective measures as far as possible.

Earlier, it was reported from Jerusalem that the Jewish Agency in Palestine wanted control of the Tel-Aviv-Jerusalem convoy route as a condition of accepting the plan.

Despite the Jewish Agency denial, Red Cross officials in Geneva said today that both Arabs and Jews had agreed in principle to accept the plan, and they were confident formal approval would be given.

#### MEDIATION APPEAL

In Geneva today no approach had been made to any Arab official to declare Jaffa an open city.

The Jaffa Emergency Council is reported to have appealed to Britain before the Arab port falls under Jewish control when the British leave this week, and to have announced that the city would not be defended.

The Jews have given the British military authorities an undertaking to renounce any possible plans to use Jaffa as a naval base before the British evacuation is completed at the end of July, Reuter despatches from Haifa said.

The Arab Liberation Army in Damascus tonight claimed that they had cut off nearly 1,000 Jews in a renewed battle at the Bab El Wad roadblock on the Jewish life-line from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem.

An Arab communiqué said 4,000 Jews were taking part in the battle and that Arab guns were shelling those cut off.

#### ATTACKS BEATEN

The communiqué also reported that two Jewish attacks had been beaten off with heavy losses in central Palestine. The communiqué said "big enemy forces" escorted by armoured cars had attacked Kneif and Kufkar villages, west of Tulkarm, but had been forced to withdraw.

The Arab losses were put at one killed and four injured.

Another Jewish attack was reported in the Kufkar area and was said to have been beaten off with

## Early Korean Election Results

Seoul, May 11.—Tension has eased and little violence was reported throughout South Korea today after yesterday's first democratic election in the country's history.

People moved about freely and showed great interest in the early elections returns displayed on boards in the streets.

These results placed five moderates of the Hankook Democratic Party ahead in Seoul. Dr Syngman Rhee, leader of the National Society for the rapid realisation of Korean independence, was elected unopposed in Seoul, but none of his supporters was ahead in the metropolitan contests.

His supporters were leading however in a number of county electorates.

#### LEFTWINGER WINS

Independent candidates were most prominent in the preliminary returns from country districts.

One of the few final returns indicated the success of a Leftwing candidate in the Pusan district. Complete returns are not expected for several days.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Commission in Korea today protested against the decision of General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, not to allow the Commission to enter Japan to write its report on the Korean elections.

The protest was cabled to Dr Trygve Lie, the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Commission expects Dr Lie to make an official protest.—Reuter.

## A Question Of Citizenship

London, May 11.—The Government has asked the Dominions whether the term "Commonwealth citizen" would be preferable to "British citizen" when referring to British subjects.

Speaking of the ambiguity of the term "British" during a debate in the House of Lords today on British nationality, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Jowitt, said that the peoples of some of the newer Dominions, such as India, Pakistan and Ceylon, and some of those who were dependents of "other great parent nations" like the French in Canada and the Dutch in South Africa, might not like to use the term "British".

If the word is a stumbling block to anyone, let us by all means see if we can find an alternative term such as Commonwealth citizen."

The Lord Chancellor was asking the Lords to agree to a Bill which gives effect to the principle that the people of each self-governing country within the British Commonwealth have a particular status as citizens of their own country and a common status as members of the Commonwealth.

It establishes a common citizenship for the people of the United Kingdom and the colonies, and provides that a woman should not lose her British nationality on marrying an alien.—Reuter.

## Italy's First President

Rome, May 11.—Signor Luigi Einaudi, Italy's 75-year-old Budget Director and an economic expert, was tonight elected first President of the Italian Republic. He was elected by a vote of 518 against 320 for Signor Vittorio Orlando, 87-year-old former Prime Minister.

Blank votes numbered 28.

Signor Einaudi is one of Europe's best known economists and a prolific writer on economic matters. A Liberal, he was Vice-Premier and Finance Minister in the Cabinet of Signor Alcide de Gasperi.

The Popular Front and the Italian Social Movement supported Signor Orlando, "Father" of the Constituent Assembly. The Popular Front opposition to Signor Einaudi was based on this famous economist's theories supporting private enterprise as opposed to State ownership.

These theories he has not hesitated to put into practice as far as possible as Italy's Budget Minister. He needed 451 votes, a simple majority on the fourth ballot, and earlier political circles said that he would probably not serve unless he got at least 20 to 30 votes more than the number required.

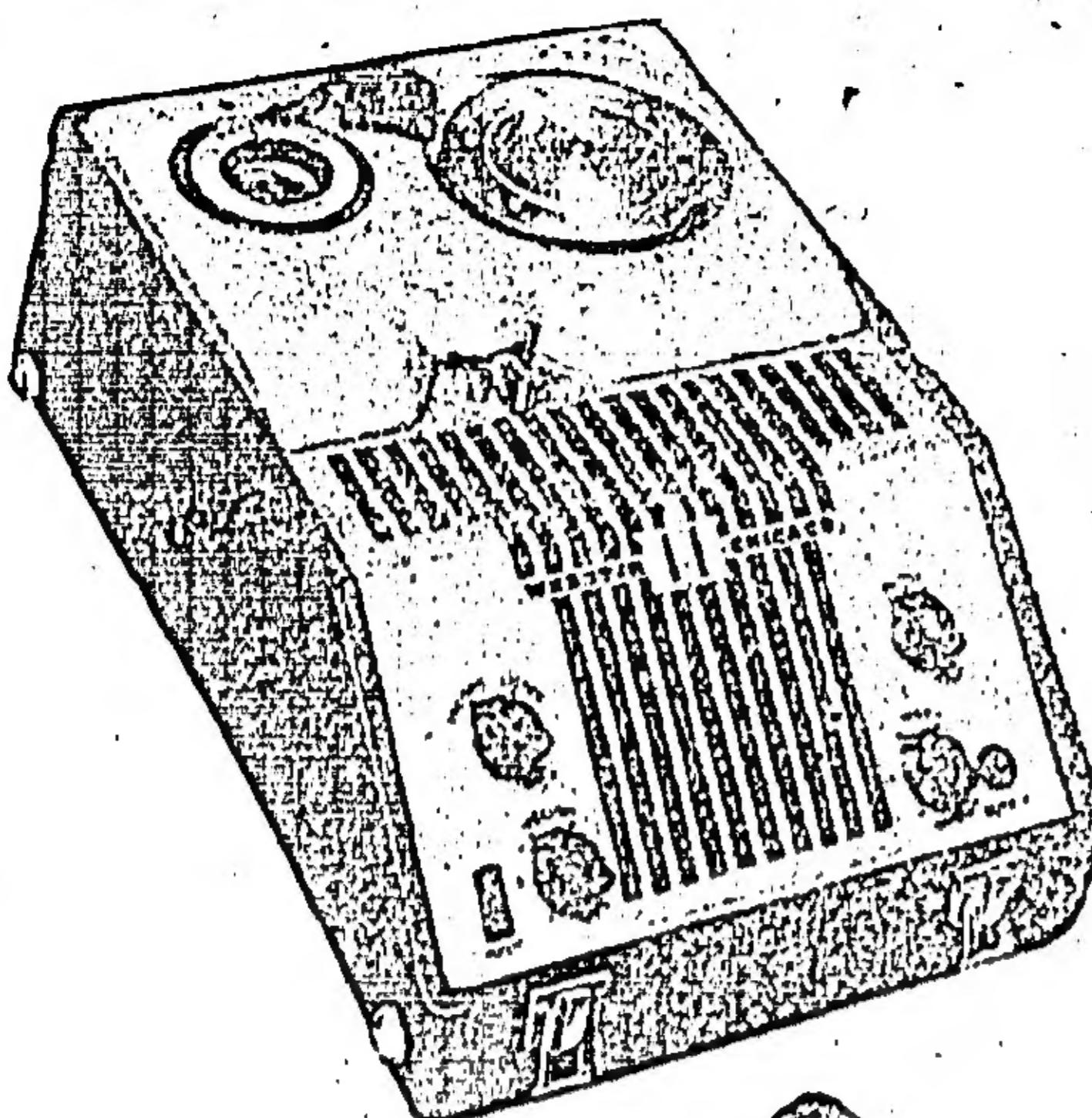
The whole Chamber rose and applauded. Signor Einaudi, who is also Governor of the Bank of Italy, was absent from both today's ballots, and was informed of his election, for seven years, by a telephone call to his home.

Although both the extreme right and the extreme left voted for the veteran, Signor Orlando, they joined in cheering when the result was announced. Signor Einaudi had already told the Premier, Signor de Gasperi, that he would accept the Presidency if elected. It was understood.—Reuter.

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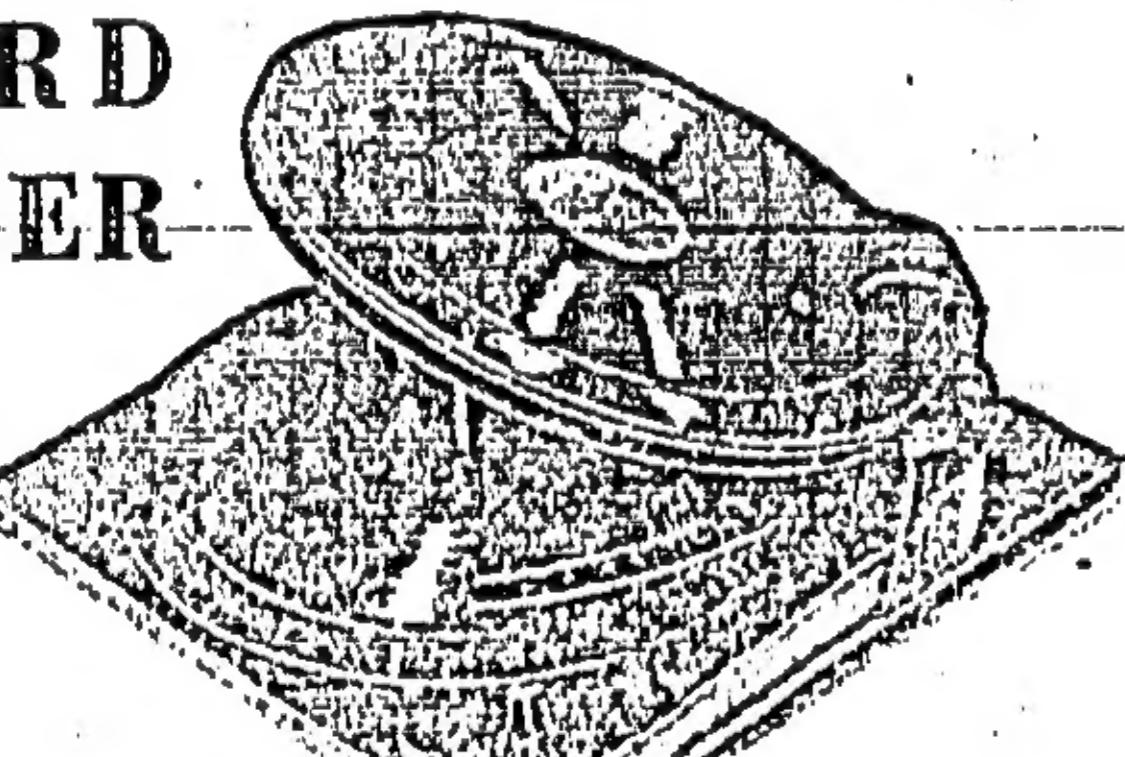
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## Costume Complements



Accessories for the new clothes.

BY GRACE THORNLIFFE

SHOWN HERE, culled from current offering, is a trio of attractive dress complements. White straw is used for the perky little sailor-themed with a demure black velvet crown band and pink roses at either side. You can't go wrong on this choice! The belt is of black leather and has double gilt metal buckles and gilt tabs marking the ends. A high back marks the dress-up pump of fine black suede, its scalloped line accented by narrow gunmetal piping.

## BUSTLE IS BACK



Regency stripes form the basic look of this long-sleeved jersey and black taffeta dinner dress by Joy Ricardo.

## ODD FACTS

A RESTED for shoplifting, a Bloomfield, N. J., boy confessed that he had been returning all articles stolen to the store and getting cash refunds, a racket he had worked 25 times in a single month.

Pinned against the ground in a wrestling bout, a New York City youth felt something press against his shoulder which turned out to be a U.S.\$350 diamond ring.

A five-year-old girl in Portland, Oregon, received 16 bicycles as a birthday gift when through an error the firm which had taken the order for one bicycle dispatched one case of them.

## RED RYDER



JUST AFTER THE DUCHESS INFORMS RED OF LITTLE BEAVER'S DISAPPEARANCE, THIS LITTLE BEAVER IS STRAYING OUT IN THE SAGE. LOOKS LIKE LITTLE BEAVER MET UP WITH THAT SHE-OULAWREADY READY?



THAT'S RIGHT, AND DONNA RINGS OUR CHIEF SUSPECT. WELL, SEE THAT LADY PRONTO!

## The Posse Closes In



HERE'S A POSSE COMIN', AND ONE YIP OUTA YOU WOULD LAND ME IN THE HOOSE COW.



HELLO'S ANYBODY? VOICE! AND ME CAN NOT MAKE-UP EVEN TINY SOUND!

BY FRED HARMAN

## Your Arms Need Beauty Care



A special type of hair-removing glove is a quick and gentle way to rid the arms of excess hair.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHAT about your arms, Lady?

A pretty arm is a grand good asset. But one must remember that arms have their own beauty sorrows—an overabundance of adipose tissues, or sharp elbows, redness, goose flesh, freckles or awkwardness of movement. Arms never

have a chance when cosmetics are being passed around, yet they respond quickly to a little care and attention.

The first need is sound musculature that keeps fat cells at a distance and creates grace, flexibility, desirable proportions. Repeat several times.

To improve the surface of the skin, make it white and velvet-smooth, beauty shops offer a delightful treatment. You might try one some day when you are getting a manicure or do it at home.

Give the hands and arms a vigorous scouring with warm

dead skin scales will be removed. This treatment has a mild bleaching effect in case the skin looks dingy. Remove the pack with a moist towel, dry, then give yourself a brisk friction with eau de cologne.

Well-groomed arms are just as important as well-groomed legs. For quick clean hair removal use a special hair-removing glove.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Chirpie Had a Head Cold

—He Got It From Trying to be a Duck—

By MAX TRELL

GOOD morning! How are you feeling today, Chirpie?"

Hearing a voice, Chirpie Sparrow poked his head out from under his wing and saw it was Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-around name. Chirpie said: "Oh-hh. I feel awful!" Then he pushed his head back under his wing again.

Chirpie was standing on a loose board just under the edge of the roost. Knarf climbed up to him.

"Hero," he said, giving Chirpie a bit of a nudge, "take your head out and tell me what's the matter with you? Are you sick?"

Chirpie put his head out enough for one eye to show. "I'm certainly do," I said frankly, smacking my lips. "That's a grand way to use up a few ham scraps, and it makes the vegetable stew taste much more substantial."

"Ah, but wait till you taste the ham, macaroni and cheese casserole which is baking in the oven."

"Judging from these samples, Chef, I just know it's going to be delicious. Let's suggest it to our friends for their dinner tomorrow!"

#### DINNER

Curried Vegetable Salad Buttered Dark Bread Ham, Macaroni and Cheese Casserole

Stewed New Cabbage with Tomato Banana Coconut Custard Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level Recipes Serve Four

Curried Vegetable Salad

Use 1 can well drained mixed vegetables, (or 2 c. mixed left over cooked vegetables) combine with 1/2 c. diced celery, and 1/2 c. firm tomato cut in dice. Add 2 tbsp. French dressing and chill thoroughly. Then with a fork lightly stir in 1/4 c. mayonnaise seasoned with 1/3 tsp. curry powder. Arrange in nests of lettuce and garnish each salad with half slices of tomato cut from the bottom half.

Ham, Macaroni and Cheese Casserole

This dish calls for three major ingredients: From 1 to 2 c. fine-diced left over cooked ham, according to the amount on hand; 1/2 lb. short broken pieces macaroni, boiled as usual in salted water to cover, then well drained; and 2 1/2 c. cheese sauce. Put the casserole together as follows: Combine the cooked macaroni and cheese sauce. Arrange in

"We're going to the pond to get our dinner," the duck told Chirpie.

covered with food. In other words, they were going down to the pond to get their dinner. And dinner, said Knarf, was what I wanted most.

"So I said to myself—if a duck can find food at the bottom of the pond, why can't I? A duck is a bird, and so is a sparrow. What a duck can do, a sparrow can do! At least," said Chirpie sadly, "that's what I thought."

"So you flew down to the pond?" said Knarf.

Like a Duck

"No, I waddled down to the pond, like a duck. When I reached the edge of the pond, I quacked, like a duck. Then I jumped into cold water, just like a duck."

"And did you paddle on the top, like a duck?" said Knarf eagerly.

Chirpie Sparrow shivered. "No, I sank to the bottom, like stone."

"Oh my!"

"And the worst of it was, I didn't find any food. I got myself wet from top to toe, and got no dinner besides. All I got was a terrible chill..."

Knarf felt very sorry for Chirpie Sparrow. He went back to the house and got a woolen glove for Chirpie to pull over his head, and a bottle of hot water for him to rest against and get warm, and six breadcrumbs from the kitchen table to keep him from being hungry. And the next day Chirpie was well again, but he wouldn't go near the ducks.

## POSERS

### TRICKY QUESTIONS

Here are some difficult questions, so watch your step. Study hard before looking for the answers.

1. To operate a balloon would you use a rip cord or a riprap?

2. If you are fagged out are you fatigued or fatigued?

3. Does "impudent" mean "pompous" or "to impel"?

4. Is the word "ponance" associated with elder-making or card-playing?

5. What have these three words in common: Dragoon, templar, pike-man?

6. Is a tureen an animal, a soup-dish or a kind of metal?

7. If a lady finger is a dainty cake, what is a lady-kim?

8. If "paltry" is pitiful, what is paltry?

9. Would you listen to these, cook them, or smell them: Clock-enspiel, sackbut, sistrum?

10. Would you look for a Swazi in England, South Africa or France?

### ANSWERS

Instruments to trees, shrubs, etc.—South Africa.

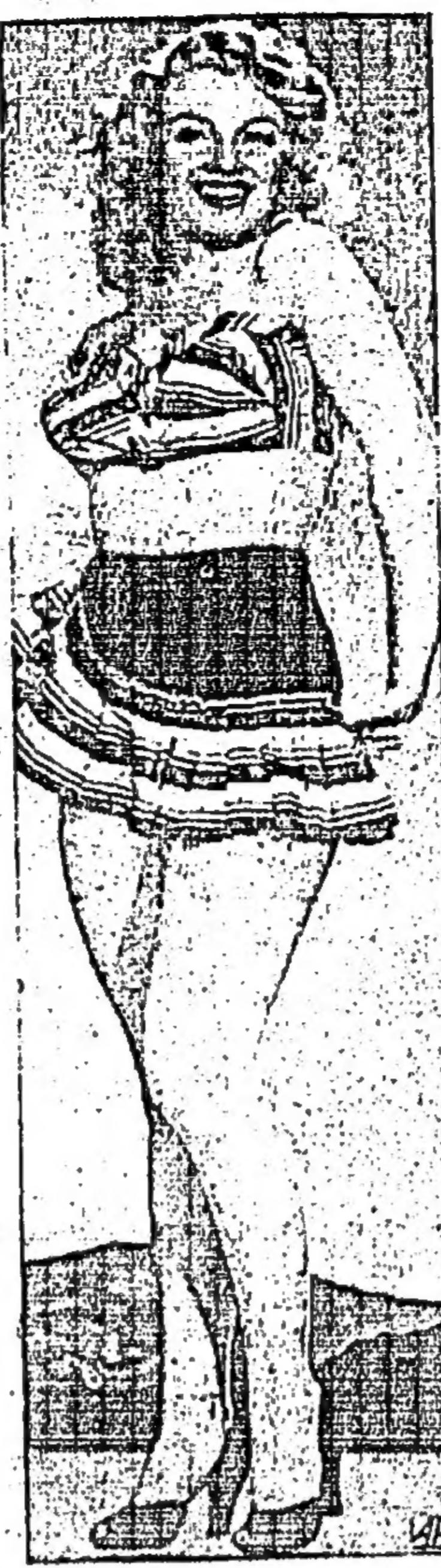
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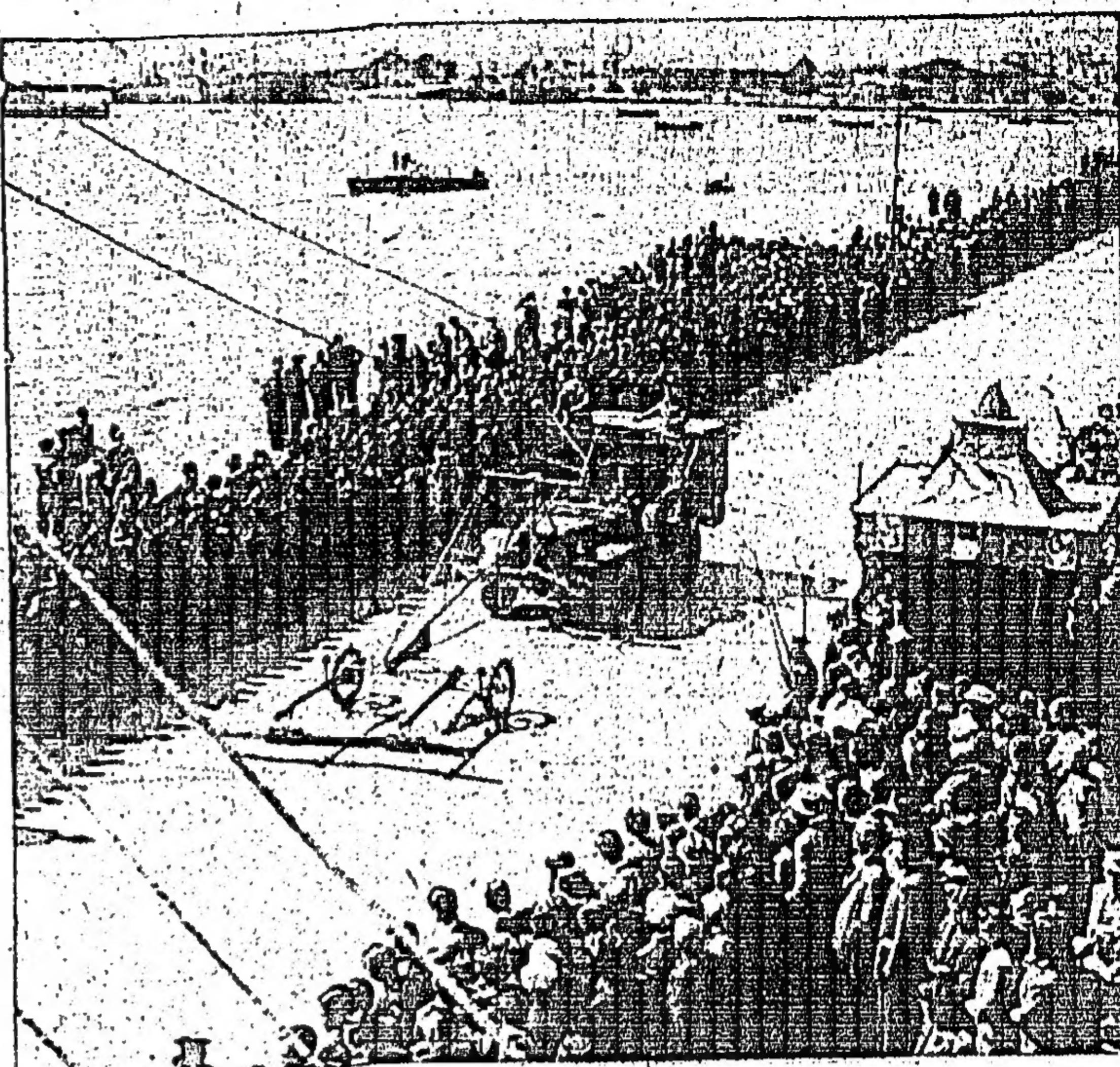
# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



TOKYO'S RAIDERS WELCOME CHIEF—Gen. James Doolittle greets raiders at the group's sixth anniversary of the blasting of Tokyo in Minneapolis. Left to right, Lt. Fred Braemer, Capt. George Barr, Maj. Howard Sessler and Sgt. Robert C. Bougeols.



MODEL—Marilyn Monroe, a New York photographer's model, looks happy after signing a motion picture contract.



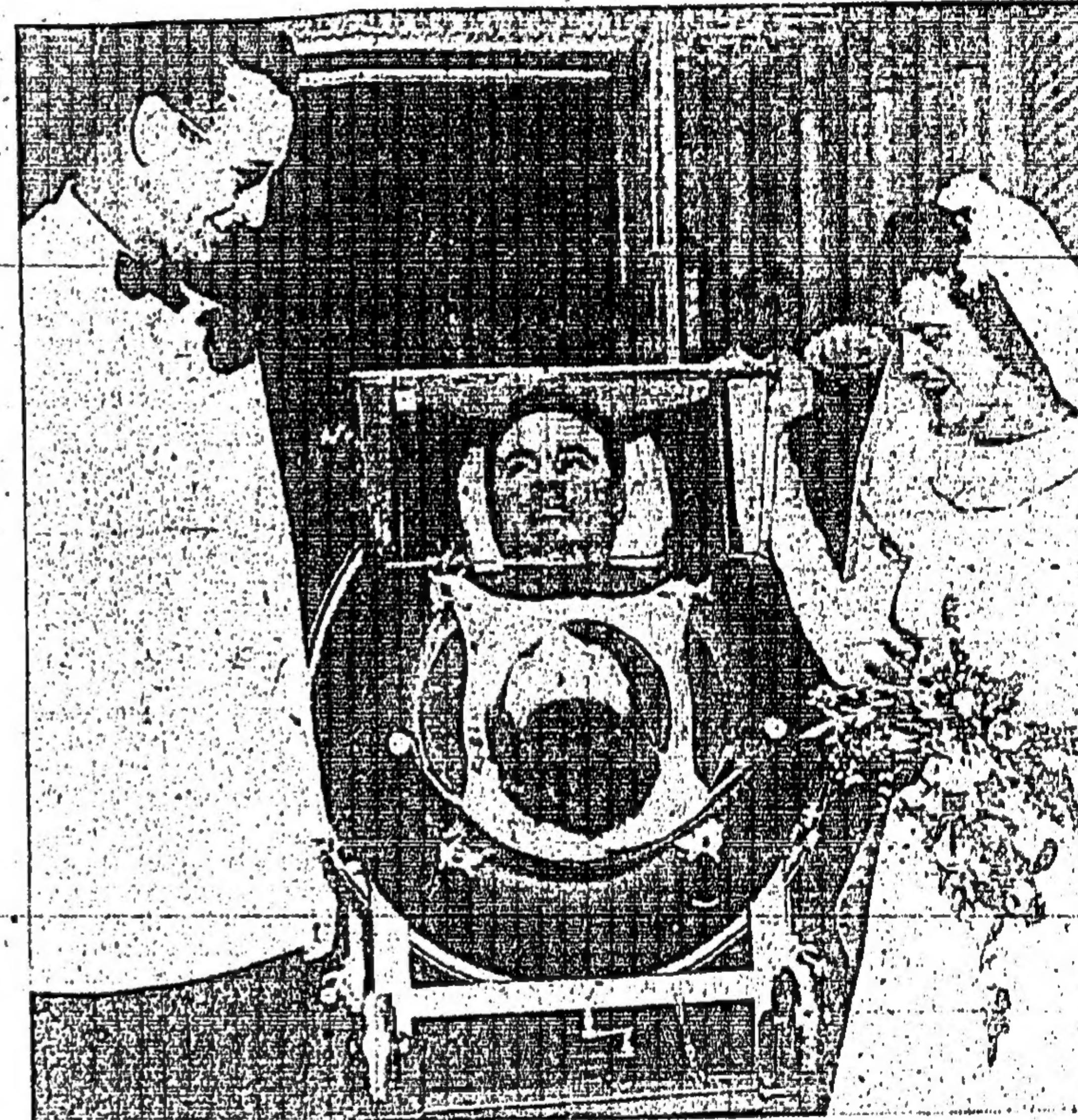
GREECE'S NEW MINE SWEEPER—During Greek Independence Day on Saloni-ka's waterfront, the Greek Army displayed this new land mine detector, now in use in the mountain fighting against guerrillas.



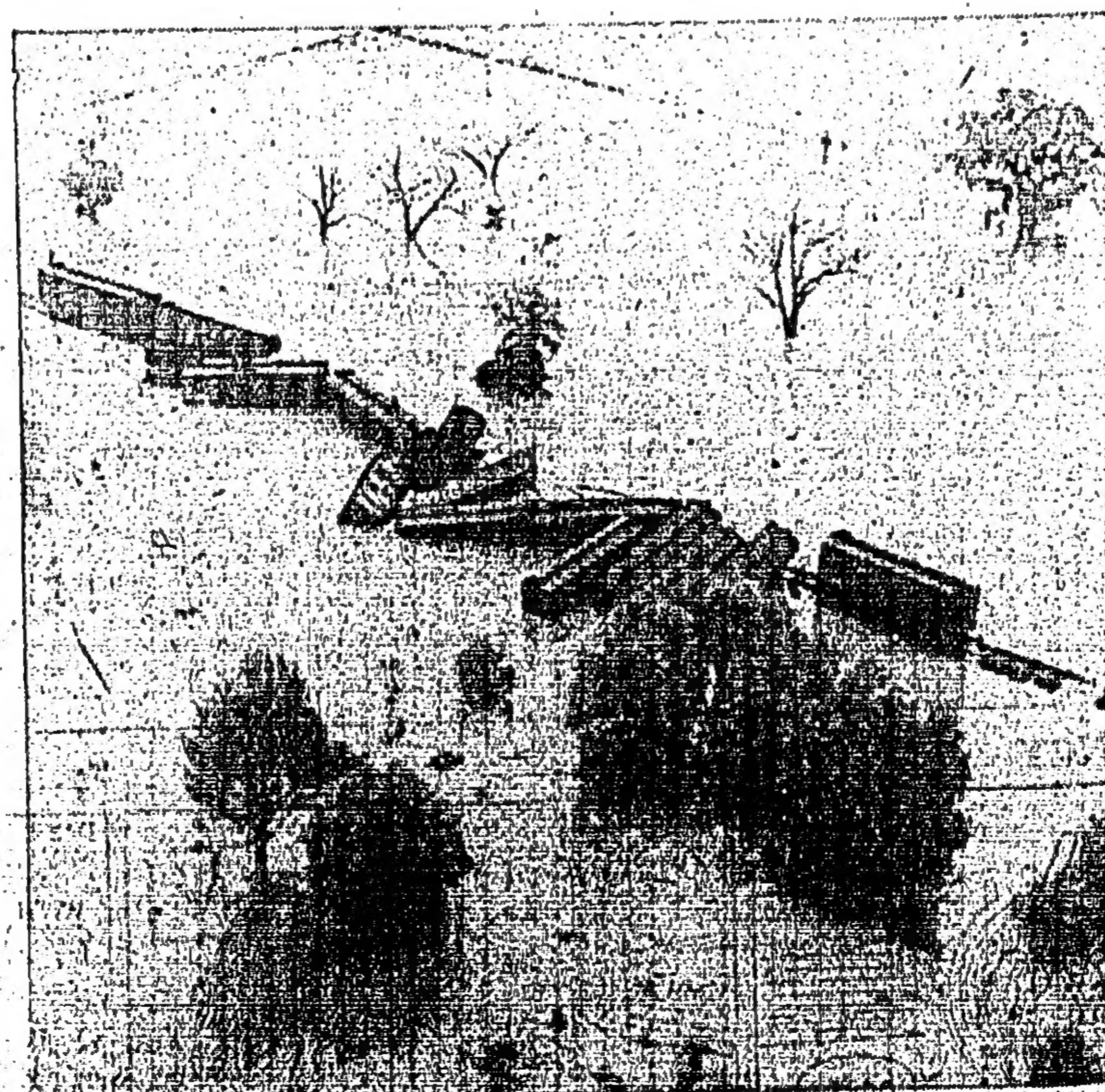
ANTI-RED KOREANS DEMONSTRATE IN TOKYO—British and American flags are carried by anti-Communist Koreans as they parade in Tokyo. They protested against the puppet government set up in North Korea by the Russians.



REPLACES BRIDGES—Tim Flynn was named to succeed Harry Bridges as Northern California C.I.O. organiser. Bridges was removed because he is supporting Henry Wallace for President of the U.S.



PROUD PATIENT—Fred S. Snite, Jr., who has been confined to an iron lung for many years, gives away his nurse, the former Rosalie Cecil, in marriage to Richard W. Sloan, an airline flight engineer. The ceremony was conducted at St. Patrick's Church, Miami Beach.



WASHED OUT—More than a dozen cars of a 50-car freight train lie sprawled across the right-of-way, half-covered by water, near Donelsonville, Georgia, after torrential rains washed out the main tracks. The floods were caused by freak storms.

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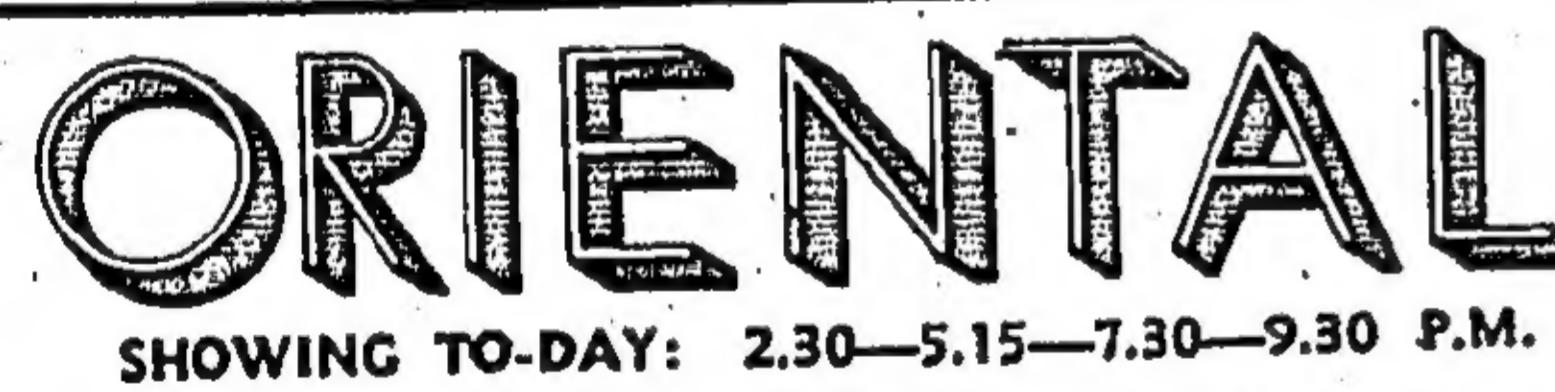
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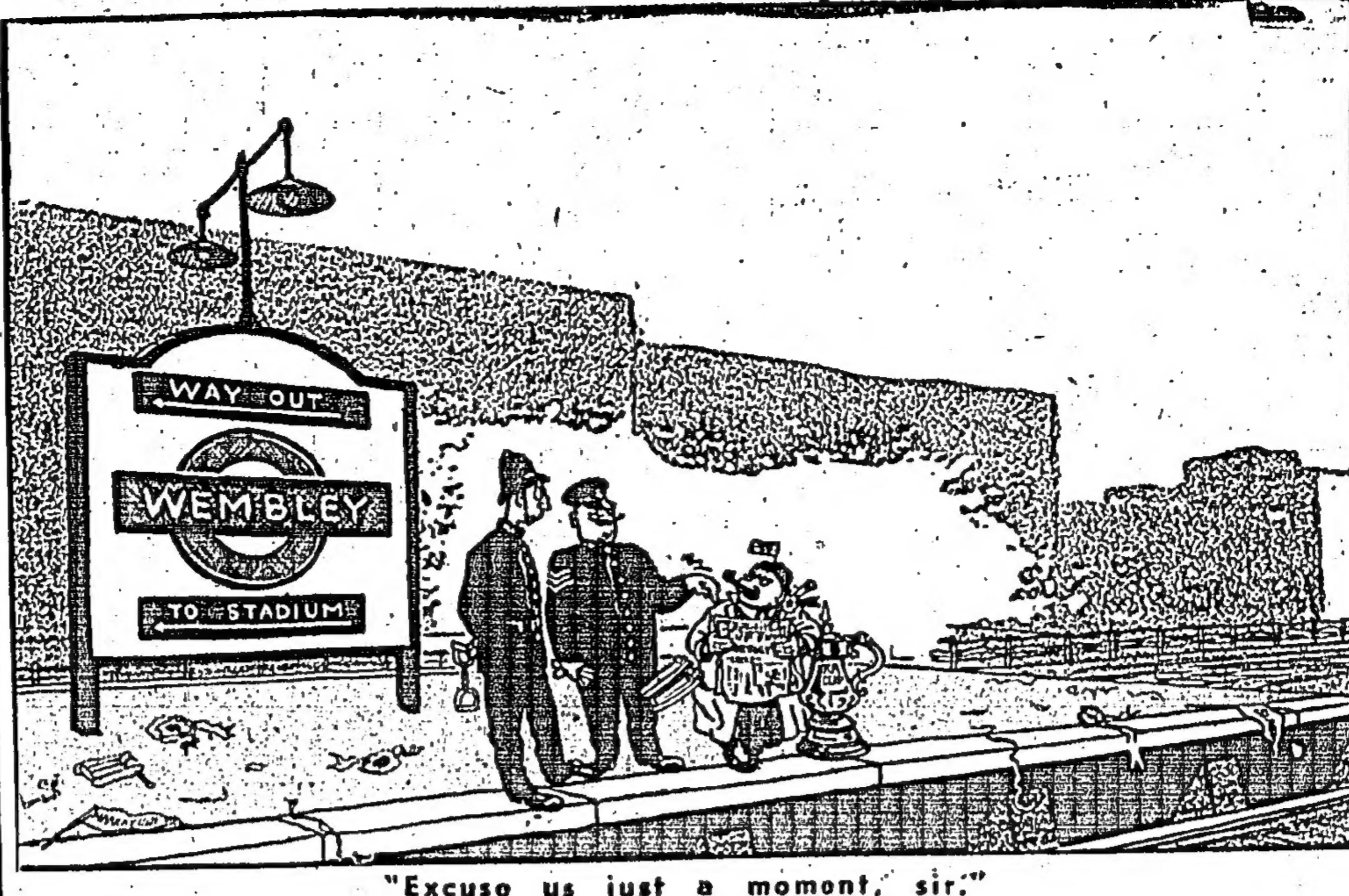
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TO-MORROW



NEXT CHANGE: "BLOOD AND SAND"



Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

## Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

HERE'S one in the eye for the Soviet Information Bureau.

Stung by American accusations of perfidy, the enraged moujiks have lashed out at all the wrong people.

In the schoolgirl game of "You're Another," names of perfectly innocent men have been mentioned as separate peace makers and secret negotiators with Adolf Hitler, Hermann Goering, and most of the other open in the Nazi Zoo, when all the time it was—guess who?

Yes, you're quite right. It was your Uncle Nat.

For the first time the amazing adventures of this counter-explosive expert posing as a back columnist are told below.

It was in May 1940, after the fall of France, that I was first approached by two men wearing obviously false beards who said they were from the Foreign Office.

Pulling off their beards, I said: "Don't try to fool an ex-newspaper reporter." Captain-General-Lance-Corporal von Stinken-trouser and Herr Doktor von Schmellingpantz.

Herr Doktor von Schmellingpantz. Remember I am a trained observer."

They were amazed and asked me how I knew.

I told them that as it was a hot summer the sun was melting the glue on their beards; also that Foreign Office officials didn't usually have heads as square as a lump of sugar and talk like German spies in a third-rate melodrama.

"But our names?" asked the wooden-headed Helmut. "How was it that you our names know?"

I told them all German names sounded the same to me. You just said "Von," cleared your throat and blew your nose and you'd got it.

They then asked me if I would become a German spy for £100,000. I said certainly, and took the money at once. Later I spent most of it in London pubs trying to be brave during air raids.

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many and was soon speeded in a black Mercedes up the Recklinghausenstrasse, along the Middenheapeplatz and into the presence of Herr Schmelingpantz, described by Mr Winston Churchill at the time as "Corporal Hitler."

Military secrets

WHEN I met Stinkentrouser a week later I told him all I knew.

I said that so far as our local platoon was concerned we were about 15 strong in May 1940, armed with a rifle each and ten rounds of ammunition.

We were now about 50 strong and since May had used a lot of things besides rifles. We had terrified the local inhabitants by throwing bottles full of blazing oil about, and we were the only troops in the world who could handle live hand grenades with a hangover and still live.

I said we also had Tommy guns, and since I had pinched 50 rounds of ammunition for mine there was a lot of anxiety in the neighbourhood.

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Goering was also there, playing with his medals. They were hanging right down the front of his tunic and halfway down his back. I remember wondering if he had medal ribbons sewn on to his pyjamas.

Then Hitler yelled at Goering and Goering yelled back. Then they both yelled at Schmellingpantz, who told me in a trembling voice

that they wanted to know who the hell I was.

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## SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT STEAK

By John Rosengrub

MAURICE Dreicer, known to hundreds of American restaurant men as "Crown Prince of the Sirloin," admits failure in his five-year search for the perfect steak.

It gets downright discouraging," he said ruefully, as he polished off his specialty in a New York hotel.

Take what happened last year.

"The Mayor of New Orleans sends me a wire: 'In your search for the perfect steak come to New Orleans. We have it.'

"But," Dreicer said gloomily, "I couldn't call what they offered the 'perfect steak.'"

"Not even," he added, "after they had given me the key to the city."

### MANY TESTS MADE

Dreicer, who has two local radio programmes, lectures and teaches speech, said he tested steaks from Antoine's in New Orleans to the Whirlpool in Niagara Falls and from Loch Ober's in Boston to Harvey's in Chicago and the Ambassador on the Gold Coast.

"All good and some excellent," he said. "But none perfect."

"To be perfect," Dreicer added dreamily, "the steak must follow certain standards."

He named them.

(1) The steak must come from a steer. (Preferably a four-year-old.)

(2) Aging should last from six to eight weeks.

(3) Before cooking, the steak should be kept at room temperature for two hours.

(4) The steak should be cooked over a charcoal fire-scared first, then cooked three inches from the flame for three or four minutes on each side.

"So it's rare—not raw," Dreicer said.

### WANTS HEATED PLATTERS

Dreicer insists that steaks be served on pre-heated oak platters. He contends that oak holds the heat better than porcelain.

Once served, the steak undergoes the "Dreicer Test."

Under operation No. 1, the meat has its temperature taken.

"It's got to be just 120 degrees," Dreicer said. His tone implied that any more or less would rate a fat zero for the house.

After laying the thermometer aside, Dreicer whips out a magnifying glass with a tiny flashlight attached and examines the sirloin's tissue.

If there's any sign of fat, he leaves the table.

A silver butter knife climaxes the test.

"If it slides through without too much pressure, the steak's okay," Dreicer said.

### GIVES CHEFS AWARDS

Dreicer said that whenever he finds a steak that rates "excellent" he awards the chef a silver butter knife. With appropriate inscriptions attached, of course.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "you are about to witness an unusual event. I've just had my 23rd 'excellent' steak and I'm going to give the chef the 'Dreicer Award.'

With a flourish of a pudgy hand, he called the waiter. "Send in the chef please."

When the chef arrived, Dreicer said proudly: "You are the recipient of the 23rd 'Dreicer Excellent Steak Award.'

The chef looked puzzled, accepted the silver butter knife, murmured his thanks and departed.

"Later he said: 'I do not understand. The steaks I cook them all the same.' United Press.

## ROCKETING TO THE MOON—

### Practical, But Where Is The Point In It?

ROCKET men believe they know enough right now to shoot a missile as far as the moon.

But, as an official of the U.S. National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics puts it:

"Nobody can think of any good reason for wanting to do it."

"It would be interesting, all right," he said, "but it would cost a lot of money, take a lot of planning, and use up a lot of time that might be better spent."

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many necessary to trace it with radar and to energise its steering mechanism via radio.

U.S. Army Signal Corps engineers have balanced radar pulses off the moon, so it is known that ultra-high frequency micro-waves can be projected far into space.

But the manifold problems of navigation, instrumentation, and control are a long way from being solved. There are other difficulties, too. Such as the fact—arrived at mathematically—that rocket noses would tend to melt off at the speeds required.

Much has been written about missiles of the future that will fly continuously around the earth—until told via radio to descend on their target—and of rocket ships plying inter-planetary space.

Rocket men are inclined to compare such talk with the kind they heard during the "atomic silly season" just after the bombing of Hiroshima. They remember the stories they heard about driving aeroplanes with bits of uranium the size of aspirin tablets.

JOSEPH MYLER

NANCY Gratitude!



## Man Says He Was Beaten Up By Police

### Accused Testifies At Trial

That he was on his way home after visiting his mother when arrested by the Police was the defence put up by Li Yiu, 27, seaman, when he testified before Mr Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Li, together with Li Chi-wing, 24, Chan Mo, 26, Lam Tok, 24, and Tong Shan, 25, is on trial on charges of conspiracy to rob, attempted armed robbery and possession of arms.

Li is additionally charged with possession of an imitation revolver, second accused with possession of arms and ammunition, and third accused with possession of arms.

Mr Percy Chen is appearing for the first and fifth accused, on the instructions of Mr C. A. S. Russa and Mr M. A. da Silva respectively. The other three accused are not legally represented. Mr J. Reynolds (Crown Counsel), assisted by Det. Sub-Inspectors G. MacPherson, is prosecuting. The jury includes three women.

Earlier, Mr Justice Gould ruled the admissibility of statements following arguments by Counsel on the point.

### ACCUSED IN BOX

Li Yiu said he lived in Electric Road. He was a seaman by profession and had been working mostly on Dutch boats. Some months back he left a Dutch steamer which arrived from Japan after certain goods, which he possessed had been seized.

About 8 a.m. on February 13 last, four days after the Chinese New Year, he left home by tramcar to visit the wife of another seaman who lived in Stanley Street. A letter was shown him written by his friend. The letter directed him to meet his friend on board a certain steamer which was shortly due. He took the letter away and then called on his sister in Gage Street. His mother was also living there. He told her that he would soon have a job. About this time his mother, in sweeping the floor, found a toy revolver under a bed. She gave it to him remarking that he should give it to a child to play with.

Accused said he took the toy pistol and left for home on foot. He was passing Lockhart Road when the Police held him up and on searching him found the toy pistol. He had no business whatsoever with No. 171. Five other people were arrested at the same time. All the prisoners were taken to a police station.

### ALLEGES BEAT-UP

After their particulars had been noted, accused said the prisoners were taken to a small room where he alleged he was beaten up by several policemen with fists. About 2 p.m. he was taken out and he signed a statement. The document was written by Sgt. Cheung Wing-kam. Accused said the entire statement was untrue. He did not say that he and six other men intended to commit a robbery in Lockhart Road. He signed the statement because he had been beaten up and he was afraid he would be assaulted again.

Cross-examined, accused said he left his last ship about six or seven months ago. Since then he had been doing odd jobs on board ships in harbour.

The toy revolver was left behind by a former occupant, he was told by his mother. The trial is proceeding.

## Gang Caught

### Stealing Bricks

Eight Chinese were charged before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning with the theft of 2,000 bricks from Belcher's Fort and with trespassing in military grounds yesterday afternoon.

It was revealed in Court that a party of Chinese detectives were sent to the Fort about 3 p.m. and found the gang removing the bricks from the wall by the use of crowbars.

Chung Chung-chuen, 24, believed to be the leader of the gang, was sentenced to three months' hard labour. Wong Hing, 19, mason, who was additionally charged with breach of a deportation order, was given 13 months' hard labour, while Hong Sang, 25, who had a previous conviction, was sentenced to two months' and ordered to undergo a year's Police supervision after completing his sentence. The other five were each sentenced to a month's hard labour.

Inspector H. Brownrigg prosecuted.

## Case Adjourned

A summons against Cpl. Ronald Gavin Robinson, of the Royal Marines, attached to Admiralty House, was adjourned sine die by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning, because defendant is away from the Colony.

Robinson was summoned for counselling and procuring Frederick Cartwright to commit an offence punishable under the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance on March 7, by obtaining possession of an automatic pistol and six rounds of ammunition.

Arrested at the KCR terminus on Tuesday with 14 taels of raw opium hidden in his sun helmet, Li Yau-him, 22, unemployed, was fined \$1,400 or six months by Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court this morning.

## PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY



Meadows hunts in the dust and unkindness of the traps department for a clue.

## Letters To The Editor

### Traffic Control

Sir.—As a regular reader and admirer of your editorials I was surprised and disappointed to read your lead of yesterday (Tuesday).

There is no difficulty in crossing Chater Road if you wait for the westbound stream of traffic on Des Voeux Rd to get the "Go" signal. That is to say the stream of traffic rolling from the Gloucester Hotel building, proceeding N.S. & West. A very small percentage of this flow of traffic turns Eastwards along Chater Road. Furthermore it will be noted that when this West-bound stream is moving the traffic lights in Pedder St and Des Voeux Rd outside the GPO building, are at "Stop".

The suggestion contained in your leading article that quote "The shortcoming disclosed above is so easily remedied. Clearly what is required at the Alexandra and Union Buildings crossing are control lights which synchronise with the lights governing the movement of traffic from the West to East" is entirely wrong. If lights are to be installed they should be synchronised with the above mentioned flow from East to West. There are of course several systems of light control that could be installed, for example, an "all Red" period for traffic on every light, thus stopping the movement of all vehicle traffic and giving an "all Green" period for pedestrian traffic. However this would slow down the flow considerably which I should think the Traffic Department are trying to avoid owing to the heavy and continuous flow of traffic in the Colony today.

I do agree with you that the Traffic Department are showing commonsense in dealing with this problem in this city and what is more commendable, are applying standard and modern methods which are in use in other parts of the world instead of running alongside a large number of other Government Departments whose slogan still appears to be "What did we do previously?"

Having dealt with Traffic problems for some considerable time in other parts of the world, I know how difficult it is to please, as the majority of vehicle owners take the view that a Traffic Department must be their natural enemy, and in this city particularly, there is no courtesy extended by pedestrians to drivers and drivers to pedestrians.

LICENSED DRIVER.—The correspondent has missed the point.—The danger to pedestrians in the Chater Road crossing is when eastbound traffic is released, especially the traffic which moves round from Pedder Street. The majority of private cars go eastward use Chater Road as it avoids having to detour left again at the Supreme Court.—Ed. H.K.T.

## 5% BRAKING EFFICIENCY

A cyclist had a lucky escape from serious injuries when his machine drove into a motor car but collided with the rear mudguard, causing only minor damage.

Driving down a steep slope near the Chinese Cemetery at Tsun Wan on Tuesday, Tsol Hon-shan, 20, steered his vehicle at right angles into the car. His cycle later was tested by the Police and was found to have no front brake at all, and a very bad rear brake. The whole braking efficiency was rated as only five per cent.

Tsol, who was charged with dangerous riding and having a cycle with insufficient brakes, failed to appear before Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court today and had his bail of \$100 estreated.

## Special Jury For Murder Trial

It was learned this morning that a Special Jury will be empaneled to hear the Wood Murder Case at the Criminal Sessions. The trial will be before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice E. H. Williams, and will open on May 24.

Three Chinese accused of the murder of L. B. Wood, at Customs Path, Kowloon, on Feb. 11 and robbing G. R. Ross, will be defended by Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist.

### Returned Banished

A young and well-dressed Chinese woman, Chan Mut, 25, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning for returning to Hongkong after having been banished for 10 years on April 16 last. She was arrested in Luard Road by Det.-Insp. Davies.

## Mao Tse-tung Goes In For Leniency

San Francisco, May 11.—The leader of China's Communists has laid down a policy of "leniency toward all men" under which even rich landlords may keep property in areas his Red armies occupy.

Mao Tse-tung outlined the programme on April 1 at a meeting of party leaders, emphasising that the Communists must prohibit "indiscriminate violence" in the occupied sections of China.

The Communist radio in North China broadcast part of the speech today and will complete it tomorrow. It was heard by the Associated Press in San Francisco.

There have been rumblings of discontent at heavy-handed Chinese Communist rule in the conquered areas, particularly in the land distribution programme. Mao, devoted considerable time in his speech to this subject.

The Communist Party leader declared that Communist agrarian reform must see that "middle peasants" are allowed to farm more land than the "poor peasants". One criticism of Communist policy is that good farmers are evicted from the land and replaced by poor farmers.

"The sort of ideology now prevalent in the villages," said Mao, "which advocates the destruction of industry and commerce and advocates absolute equalitarianism in the matter of distributing the land is an action that is backward in nature."

### NO ENCROACHMENT

Mao said the Communist agrarian policy must be aimed at the feudal system of exploitation of the peasant, and not the individuals themselves.

He said special care must be taken not to encroach upon "middle peasants, labourers, professional people and new-type rich peasants, all of whom do not engage in exploitation, or engage in only slight exploitation."

While this policy is intended to be nation-wide, Mao outlined it before a group of leaders from the North China provinces of Shansi and Suiyuan.

He criticised both "rightist thought" and "leftist tendencies" within the party, but did not elaborate on it.—Associated Press.

## Pawned Govt. Uniforms

A Police trainee admitted eight charges of unlawful pawning of government issued uniforms and was sentenced to 18 weeks by Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court today.

According to Inspector Baker, the defendant, Au Yeung-hang, 24, was arrested on May 7 at the Police Training School. When questioned, he admitted having pawned the clothing issued to him. The articles were pawned over a period covering three months and he obtained \$5 for two woollen jerseys, three pairs of blue serge trousers, four khaki shirts and a pair of khaki shorts.

Kwok pawned the clothing through financial distress, according to Inspector Baker. He had a wife and child in Canton and his mother and another child in Hongkong depending on his support. There were no government marks on the clothing.

Man's Foolhardy Action

An "unusual case of smuggling" in which a man attempted to hand a parcel to a passenger on a train for Canton as it was gathering speed, was brought before Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court today.

The case was against an unemployed youth, Kwok Yee-ngau, of 39, Peking Road, second floor, who was charged with trespassing on KCR property and doing an act likely to endanger his own safety. He was fined \$100.

Inspector Gremi disclosed this morning that Kwok was inside the railway compound near the Holt's Wharf on Tuesday morning passing a parcel to his friend who was on a train leaving for Canton. The train was gathering speed at the time.

### GOLD CONFISCATED

Gold to the value of \$15,767.00 was confiscated by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning when S. M. Booth, 46, of Singapore failed to answer a charge of illegal export.

R. C. Humphreys, who also applied for Booth's \$100 bail to be estreated, said the 40.7 taels of gold were seized at Kai Tak air field on Tues-

## Stored Liquid Without Licence

For storing 110 gallons of High Flash liquid without a licence, Lal King-yan of the World Light Co., 23 Bedford Road, was this morning fined \$250 by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon.

Div. Officer Seymour of the Fire Brigade said the factory was a large one at Tai Kok Tsui and, though not an inflammable as gasoline, the liquid was dangerous and was stored on the exit stairs.

Chin Yuen, owner of a lorry caught by Mr Seymour in Tsui Wan, conveying 185 gallons of kerosene, was fined \$100 by Mr Blair-Kerr.

The lorry had no fire extinguisher and Chin, who owned a petrol station at Tsui Wan ought to have known the regulations, said Mr Seymour.

In both cases the goods were confiscated.

## Overcharged For Flour: Fined \$600

A fine of \$600 was imposed by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning on the Hung Ching Hong, 24, Peking Street, for overcharging 24 cents on a catty of imported flour (56 cents).

The Man Hing Loong, 65, Tai Nam Street was fined \$175 for selling a tin of Cadbury's Cocoa for \$1.80 (\$1.30).

Employed Women After Hours

The proprietors of two factories were summoned before Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning for employing women workers after 8 p.m. Ms Bond prosecuted.

The Wai San Rubber Factory, 17 Arran Street, which employed 20 women at 10.20 p.m. was fined \$400 and the Sino Lee Weaving Factory, 77 South Wall Road, which employed three women at 9.30 p.m. was fined \$250.

## U.S.-Soviet Overtures Bring Relief

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The United States appreciates and fully understands the desire and, indeed, the necessity of close and friendly relations between the USSR and its neighbours, but the facts spoke for themselves, and I am fully familiar with the events which followed the acceptance by Czechoslovakia of the invitation to the ERP Conference in Paris and her subsequent reversal of this acceptance during the immediately following visit of M. Masaryk, the late M. Jan Masaryk, former Czech Foreign Minister) and M. Gottwald (M. Klement Gottwald, the Czech Prime Minister) to Moscow."

### US OPPOSITION EXPLAINED

General Bedell Smith insisted that the United States did not oppose Communism because of its Marxian ideology "but purely and simply because we had seen repeated instances of Communist minorities coming into power by illegal means and against the will of the majority of the population in the countries referred to."

"The United States remained convinced that these minority coups d'état would have been quite impossible without the moral and physical support of the USSR."

Referring to M. Molotov's complaints about United States-Russian trade relations, General Bedell Smith said: "There was nothing the United States would like better under conditions of reasonable and honest understanding than to participate in expanding trade with the USSR and to contribute to the economic recovery of the Soviet states which had suffered during the war."

"If proof were desired of our previous feelings in this respect, it could be found in the fact that under lend-lease we had shipped to the USSR enormous values in basic industrial plants which, when shipped, obviously would not be in time to contribute to the war effort."

"Our change in view with regard to trade was again a direct reflection of the Soviet expansionist policies referred to in my previous conversation."

### THE ONLY NON-VIOLATION

Insisting that he did not want to start a game of "pot calling the kettle black", General Bedell Smith said he had told M. Molotov he had recently reviewed some of America's past agreements with the USSR, particularly the Roosevelt-Litvinov agreement, and "that I would remind him of what I am sure he already knows—that the only provision of this agreement which had not been violated by the USSR was that permitting the presence of an American clergyman in Moscow."

"However, these were matters which it would be profitless for us to pursue to the exclusion of the major issues."

The State Department issued the additional comments by General Bedell Smith without comment.

Observers noted that General Bedell Smith replied to almost every point of criticism in M. Molotov's remarks, but made no reference to the Soviet suggestion of a discussion and settlement of the differences existing between us."

The original exchange of views and additional statement by General Bedell Smith had served, it was recognised, to stress the broad differences of view which would have to be decided if the proposed meeting were held.

In issuing the further remarks of General Bedell Smith, the State Department was considered by some observers to be trying to regain some of the initiative in the exchanges and to put the existing differences into perspective in relation to the proposal for a meeting.—Reuter.

## KIDNAP CHASE

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The sources said the Russians then deployed 10 men along the river and set up a machine-gun, firing two bursts at the Neubauer as they started away from the American post.

The Russians then called to the U.S. guard asking him to force the Austrians to return to the Soviet side of the river. The guard replied he could not make them go if they did not want to.

A Soviet officer and three marines, two of them carrying rifles, then crossed to the American shore, examined the Neubauer identification cards, pocketed them and forced the two Austrians into the Soviet boat and return across the river.

The American sources said there were reports, not yet confirmed, that Neubauer and his wife have since been released.—United Press.

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# SURREY FAILS IN BID TO PLAY OUT TIME

## DAVIS CUP

Ost, May 11.—Norway and Great Britain were level, each side having won one singles match, at the end of the first day's play here today in the second round of the European Zone Davis Cup tie.

The results were—Johan Ihanes (Norway) beat Jeff Paigh (Britain) by 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, and Tony Mottram (Britain) beat Jan Staudo (Norway) 6-2, 6-1, 6-2. —Reuter.

## National Games

### Nearing End

Shanghai, May 12.—With the conclusion of track and field events yesterday, main interest in the National Athletic Meet will be centred today on the final round robins in soccer, basketball and volleyball, in which the last four teams will play each other.

Play in ping pong reached the final round as a result of eliminations yesterday.

In the men's event, Y. H. Wang, of Taiwan, will clash with H. C. Hsueh, while Y. C. Liang, of Hong Kong, will play W. P. Yang, of Canton.

According to the final tabulations issued last night, Taiwan won the track and field events by a margin of 80 points over its nearest rival.

Here are the standings:

Australia	1st innings—032
Surrey	1st innings—141
Surrey	2nd innings—23
Flock, c Tallon, b Johnston	5
Fletcher, b Johnston	52
Squires, c Harvey, b Ian Johnson	54
Bartling, retired	10
Barton, c B. Johnston, b Lindwall	15
McIntyre, c Tallon, b Toshack	23
Holmes, b Ian Johnson	3
Laker, c I. Johnson, b B. Johnston	20
Bedser, c I. Johnson, b B. Johnston	20
Surreidge, c Harvey, b Ian Johnson	20
McMahon, not out	20
Extras	23
Total	105

## Squires Hits Up 54

*Kennington Oval, May 11.—The Australian cricket tourists beat Surrey by an innings and 296 runs, in their three-day match here. Surrey were all out for 195 in their second innings.*

Heavy rain began falling an hour before Surrey were due to resume their fight against an innings defeat by the Australians today. The wicket ends were covered.

The heavy downpour, which lasted more than an hour, was rapidly absorbed by the dry turf, and Surrey was able to have half an hour's play before lunch. The county, with eight wickets left needed 466 runs to save an innings defeat.

Surrey made a stubborn and bold effort to save the match against the Australians by playing out time but eventually the tourists ran out deserved winners with about 15 minutes to spare.

Surrey's batsmen fared a little better than yesterday but they were still no match for the Australian attack. Squires, who is in his benefit year, was chief scorer with 54.

points just managed to beat Hampshire by 12 runs.

Middlesex lost their last five wickets for 14 runs, setting Hampshire to get 167 for a victory.

Jack Young, with his left arm spinners had Hampshire in trouble and finished with seven wickets for 39 runs.

At Trent Bridge, Nottinghamshire scored 76 runs in 35 minutes to beat Warwickshire by 8 wickets with 16 minutes to spare. Sime, the Notts captain and Keelon put on 50 runs in 17 minutes to put their side on the road to victory. Sime was not out for 38 and Keelon made 32.

### Results—

At Gillingham: Kent beat Lancashire by 23 runs. Kent 258 and 80, Lancashire, 212 and 103. (Dovey five for 34).

At Oxford: Oxford University drew with Yorkshire. Oxford University 351 for 0 declared and 144 for 8 declared. Yorkshire 170 and 316 for six (Halliday 65, Lester 149).

At Cardiff: Glamorgan beat Essex by five wickets. Essex 374 and 107; Glamorgan 261 and 311 for five (Davis 50, Clift 50, Farnham 59, Jones 76).

At Northampton: Northamptonshire drew with Sussex. Northamptonshire 246 and 208 for 8 declared (Brook 64). Sussex 203 and 138 for one (Lanebridge not out 74).

At Lords: Middlesex beat Hampshire by 12 runs. Middlesex 207 and 181 (Mann 65, Heath six 32), Hampshire 222 and 154. (Young 7 for 39).

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire beat Warwickshire by 8 wickets. Notts 435 and 77 for two. Warwickshire 235 and 275.

At Taunton: Dorsetshire beat Somerset by 4 wickets. Somerset 207 and 209; Dorsetshire 337 and 141 for six (Townsend 64).

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## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Under-Trumping Sets Four Spades

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

SOME of our fine card players have not returned to tournament bridge since end of the war, but they continue to play rubber bridge. One of these players is Sherman Stearns of New York, who used to play in most of the national tournaments. Here is one of his greatest rubber hands.

Few players would have refrained from doubling four spades with Stearns' holding, especially since his partner opened. But Stearns figured that if he doubled he might be finessed out of the ten of trumps.

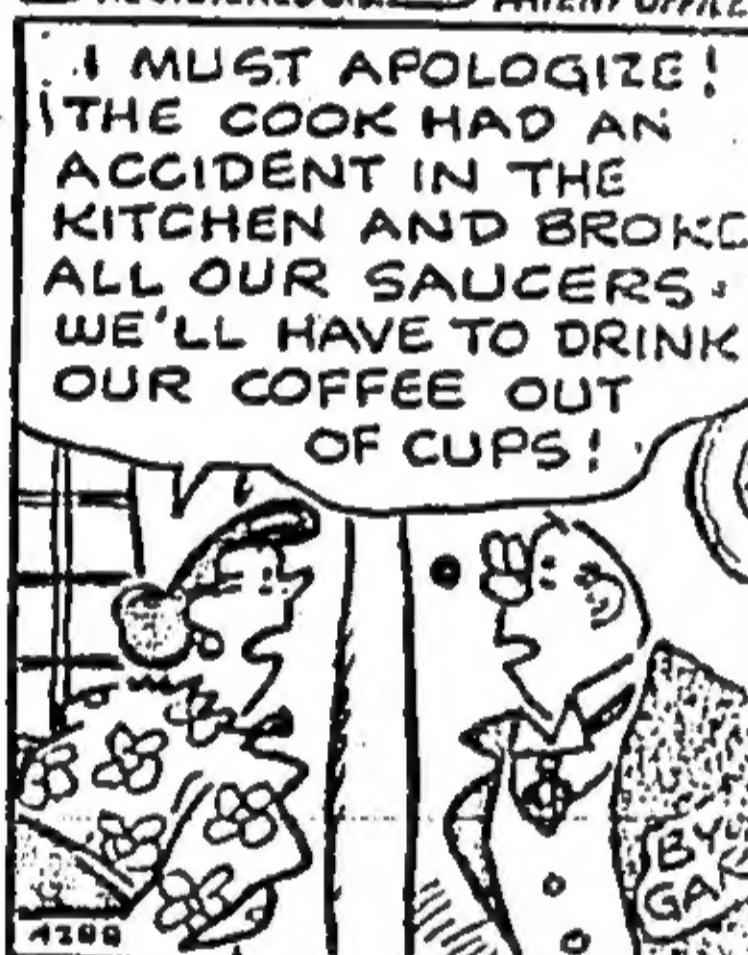
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## Check Your Knowledge

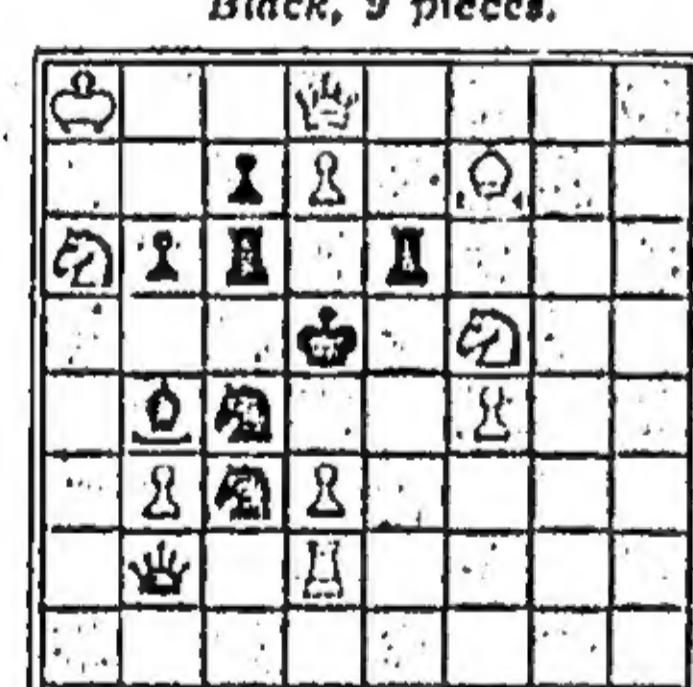
- How long after lightning flashes does thunder commence?
- How many inches in a span?
- Who was the first labour premier of Great Britain?
- What is the common and scientific name for "Peruvian bark?"
- Name the capital of Bolivia, South America.
- From what grain is graham flour made?

(Answers on Column 5)

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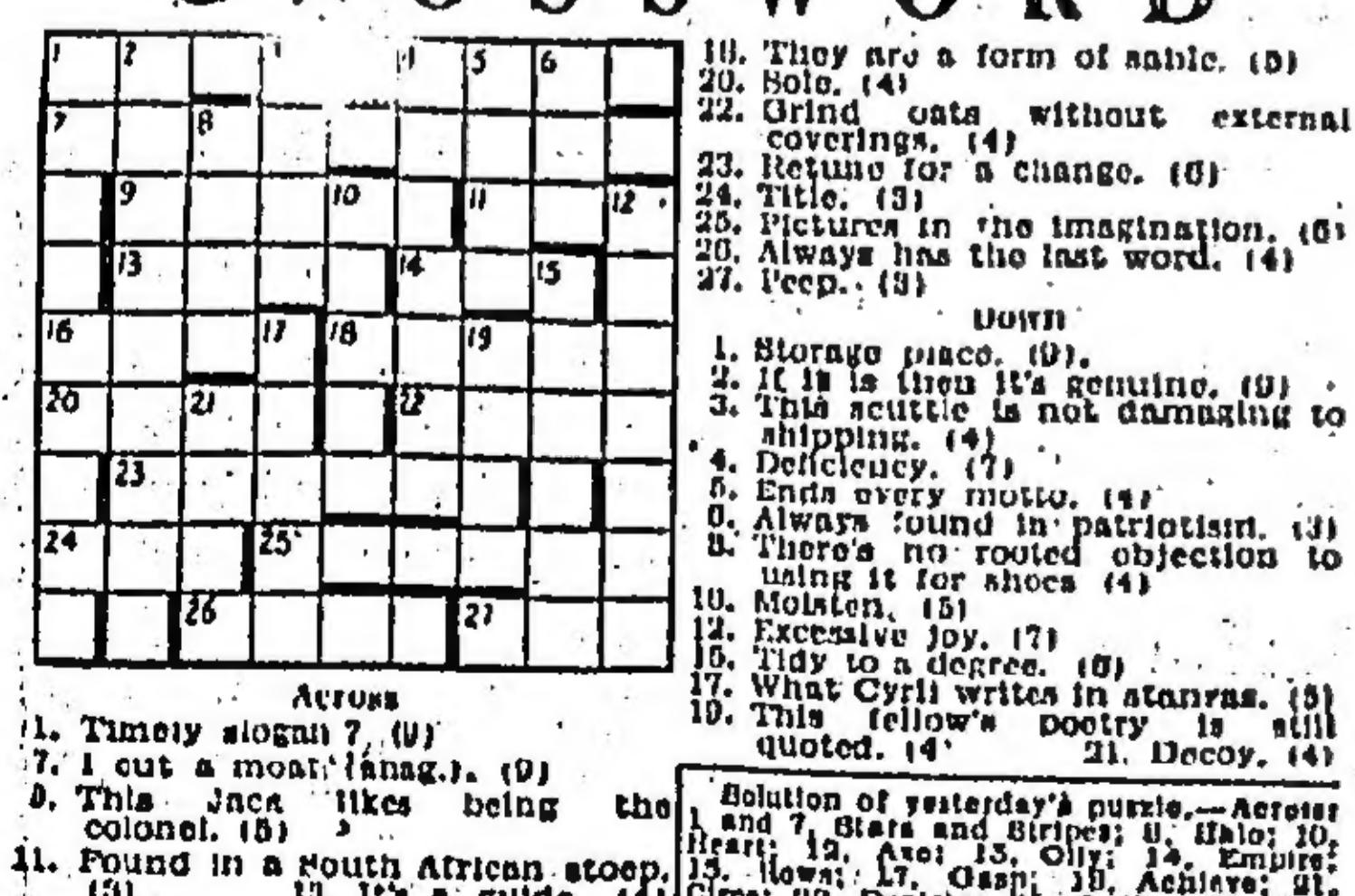
## CHESS PROBLEM

By A. K. ELWORTHY  
Black, 9 pieces.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt—B4, any; 2. Q, or Kt (ch or dis ch) mates.

## CROSSWORD



# GUATEMALAN DEMAND REJECTED

## Big X-Ray Export

London, May 11.—One of the largest consignments of X-ray equipment ever to leave Britain was shipped from here today for Buenos Aires aboard the steamer Highland Princess.

The equipment, worth £20,000, will be used in hospitals of Argentina. It includes six heavy duty diagnostic units and six motor-driven tilting couches, as well as the latest in ultra shortwave electro-medical treatment apparatus.—United Press.

## GEN. SMUTS' CONCEPTION OF UNITY

Johannesburg, May 11.—General Jan Smuts today held out hope of forming a third "great super group" of nations linking Europe with the British Commonwealth.

"It might be possible for human statesmanship to establish a close link and association between the British Commonwealth of Nations and Europe and lead to the establishment of another great super group," he said.

"You will then have, between the two great powers in the East and West, a power greater perhaps than either, larger in population and resources, bigger in experience, with human genius at the heart of it, with all the broadness of a civilization which has been developed in Western Europe in that one group".

The present world pattern of two powerful states facing each other across "a barren, almost desolate Europe", was very dangerous for the world and the future of mankind, he added.

Speaking in a Rotary Club lunch here, General Smuts said the three major problems facing the world today were European recovery and the peace treaties with Germany and Japan.—Reuter

## DEMAND FOR FOOD

Munich, May 11.—The German food strikes spread further today, and it was estimated that 213,000 workers were out.

Hamburg Radio said 160,000 were idle in Lower Saxony, where they were stated to be demanding the resignation of the Food Minister, Herr August Block.

Several hundred housewives chanting slogans demonstrated in front of the Bavarian Food Ministry. The housewives carried placards demanding "capital punishment" for black marketeers and profiteers.

The Bavarian Food Minister, Herr Alois Schmid, told a housewives' delegation that he regretted the situation but could do nothing. He took his directions from the Federal Food Administration in Frankfurt, which had fixed the ration scale.

In the French-speaking district of Bavaria, 16,000 workers are on strike—many of them in the heavy engineering industries.

In Munich, an estimated 25,000 workers are idle.—Reuter.

## Britain's Tariff Prerogatives

London, May 11.—The Government is to be asked for an assurance that no agreement with the United States or any other foreign country will be ratified, which, in any way, restricts Britain's freedom to enter into tariff or other arrangements with any Dominion or Colony.

Lord Brougham, Conservative, who will ask for this assurance in the House of Lords on May 20, also wants the Government to undertake that most-favoured nation arrangements will not apply within the British Commonwealth and Empire.—Reuter.

## CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM PLANS FOR CYPRUS

London, May 11.—The Colonial Office announced today far-reaching constitutional reform plans for Cyprus, strategic island in the Mediterranean. The Cypriots are granted an elected parliament and a four-man representation on the island government—the Executive Council.

The constitutional reform plan came four days before Britain laid down its Palestine mandate, an event which gives Cyprus an automatically increased importance within the British Empire defence system.

The new legislature will be elected by the vote of all men over 21, and will have 22 members in addition to four official members appointed by the Governor. The four elected members will belong to the Turkish minority, representing 10 percent of the island's population.—United Press.

## Britain Refuses To Withdraw Troops

### BRITISH HONDURAS ISSUE

London, May 11.—Britain announced tonight that it again had rejected a formal Guatemalan request to remove the British forces from British Honduras.

The Foreign Ministry published the texts of notes exchanged on March 24 by the Guatemalan Foreign Minister and the British Minister in Guatemala City.

The British note said: "Unless and until a competent body such as the International Court has pronounced against His Majesty's Government the latter cannot discuss their right to send British ships or British troops to British Honduras."

"The presence of these forces in British Honduras was and is in no sense provocative and their move was solely decided upon as a guarantee for the adequate protection of life and property in the colony."

"His Majesty's Government are, therefore, unable to accept the protest of the Guatemalan Government against the presence of these forces or to accede to requests for their removal."

"I am, however, to point out in this connection that it would be much less difficult for His Majesty's Government to consider this step if the Guatemalan Government were for their part also to demonstrate their goodwill by taking action to bring about the cessation of the continued campaign of propaganda against Great Britain by seeking to withdraw all of its troops moved by them to positions near the frontier between Honduras and Guatemala, and by showing willingness to decide the dispute by proper means as provided by the International Court in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations."

**GUATEMALAN NOTE**

The Guatemalan note replying to a previous British note said: "It is indeed strange that Your Excellency's government should take such a grave step as to mobilise the armed forces toward territories under foreign sovereignty on the pretext of improbable rumours to the effect that the settlement maintained these might be invaded, and that the dispatch of warships and disembarkation of troops was effected at a time when both parties to the dispute had pronounced themselves in favour of submitting the controversy to judicial decision."

The Government of Guatemala considers that the Government of Great Britain have committed an unconsidered act which deeply affronts Guatemalan dignity and sovereignty. Therefore, the Government of Guatemala reiterate their formal protest and request the immediate withdrawal of the armed contingents which were disembarked in the territory of Belize."

The Guatemalan note said: "Guatemala long had favoured submitting the dispute. First, however, it said that the British warships and troops should be withdrawn from the disputed territory. The British reply said: "The Indian Government have declared in a recent session of Parliament that the cultivation of opium will be limited as far as is compatible with medical and scientific requirements."

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### TURIN STRIKE STILL ON

Milan, May 11.—Workers at Turin's important factories, called out yesterday on a one-hour "protest" general strike, were still out today. They said they would not return until the release of persons detained after the theft of petrol from the Fiat Motor Works.

The strike was called after the police had searched the Communist headquarters. The Communists had been suspected of stealing 11,000 gallons of petrol for party use.—Reuter.

### U.S. CONSCRIPTION

Washington, May 11.—The Senate Armed Services Committee today approved the conscription of men from 19 to 25 for the armed services.

The legislation also provided for training 101,000 18-year-old volunteers. Southern Senators tried to secure the insertion of an amendment providing for racial segregation, but the Committee rejected it.—Reuter.

## Weeps At Bier Of Roxas



Senor Elpidio Quirino, who succeeded Manuel Roxas as President of the Philippine Republic, weeps at the bier of Roxas in Manila shortly after taking the oath of office. President Roxas died from a heart attack.—AP.

## FOREIGN AID GIFTS FOR CHINA

Washington, May 11.—The Economic Cooperation Administration tonight authorised the purchase of US\$36,500,000 worth of foodstuffs and other commodities as gifts to China under the foreign aid act.

## India Fights Illicit Drugs Traffic

Lake Success, May 11.—The Under-Secretary of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, Mr M. Gopala Menon, today told the United Nations Narcotics Commission that the Indian Government had taken strict measures to control the traffic of illicit drugs in their country and had even gone further than some of the most progressive countries.

Mr Menon said: "I remind my colleagues that prohibition of traffic in cannabis and opium has been the watchword of our national leaders."

"Our great leader Mahatma Gandhi stood for complete prohibition. In the wake of our freedom we are forging ahead with our social legislation which, unfortunately, stagnated during the last 150 years of foreign rule."

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## Anglo-Egyptian Relations

Cairo, May 11.—The new Anglo-Egyptian talks on the constitutional future of the Sudan began here today when the British Ambassador Sir Ronald Campbell, called on the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Ahmed Khushab Pasha.

The talks will seek agreed amendments to the draft constitution drawn up in the Sudan last July and submitted to Britain and Egypt by the Governor-General, Sir Robert Howe, early this year.

Every effort is being made to hasten the discussions. To this end, two Sudan Government experts Mr K.D.D. Henderson, Assistant Civil Secretary, and Mr J. G. Mavrogordato, are here for consultation if needed, although they were not taking part in the talks.—Reuter.

## KOMMANDATURA TO MEET TOMORROW

Berlin, May 11.—The next meeting of the Allied Kommandatura which has been in doubt for the past few days, has now been definitely fixed for Thursday, it was announced here today.

A brief statement issued after another meeting by the Kommandatura Chiefs of Staff said that the "difficulties in fixing the date of the meeting have now been solved."

The Kommandatura Chiefs of Staff, who yesterday failed to agree on the agenda for the meeting after the Soviet representative had declared that he was not prepared to discuss the holdup in Berlin's postal service to the Western Zones, were meeting again this evening to try and decide what matters should be discussed.

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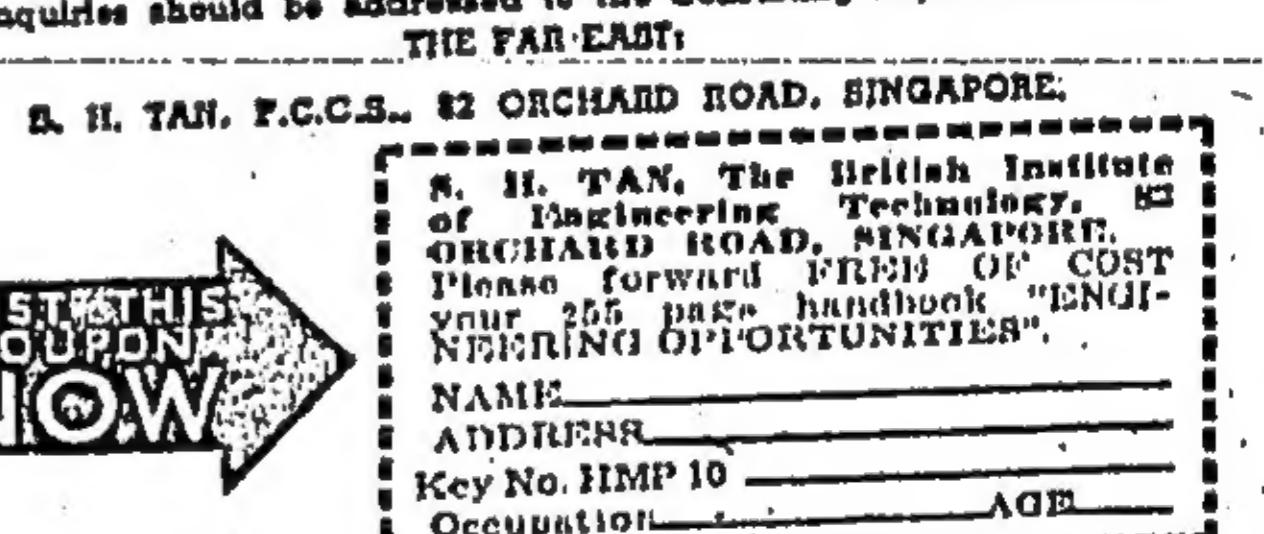
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